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December 2008

1 Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Items, 2002 = 100

Month	CPI	Annual Rate of Inflation	
Whitehorse			
Dec '08	113.9	3.0%	(Dec '07 to Dec '08)
Nov '08	114.6	3.5%	(Nov '07 to Nov '08)
Dec '07	110.6	4.0%	(Dec '06 to Dec '07)
Canada			
Dec '08	113.3	1.2%	(Dec '07 to Dec '08)
Nov '08	114.1	2.0%	(Nov '07 to Nov '08)
Dec '07	112.0	2.4%	(Dec '06 to Dec '07)

Comparing the month of December 2008 with December 2007, the **annual** rate of inflation in Whitehorse (3.0%) was 1.8 percentage points higher than the **annual** rate of inflation in Canada (1.2%). This is the eighteenth consecutive month that Whitehorse has been higher than the national rate.

On a **monthly** basis, in Whitehorse (figures for the Yukon are not available) overall prices **decreased 0.6%** from November to December 2008.

Major **monthly decreases** were seen in the following CPI commodities:

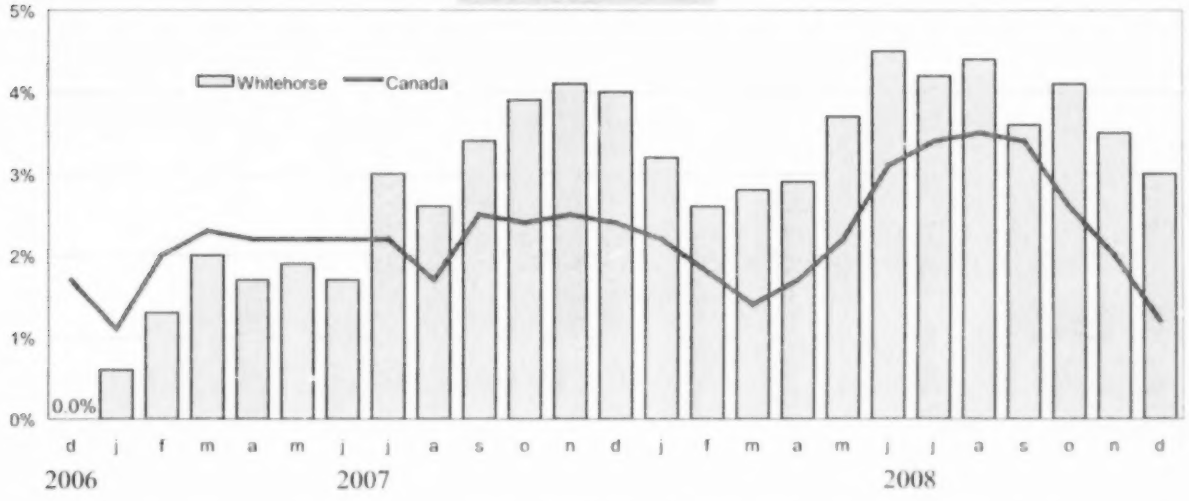
- gasoline
- fuel oils and other fuels
- electricity

Some of the major **increases** partially offsetting **monthly** decreases were:

- rent
- inter-city transportation
- furniture

Annual increases for Whitehorse in December were in mortgage interest cost, rent, and cigarettes. Offsetting some of these **annual** increases were decreases in gasoline, fuel oil and other fuels , and purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles.

Inflation Rate

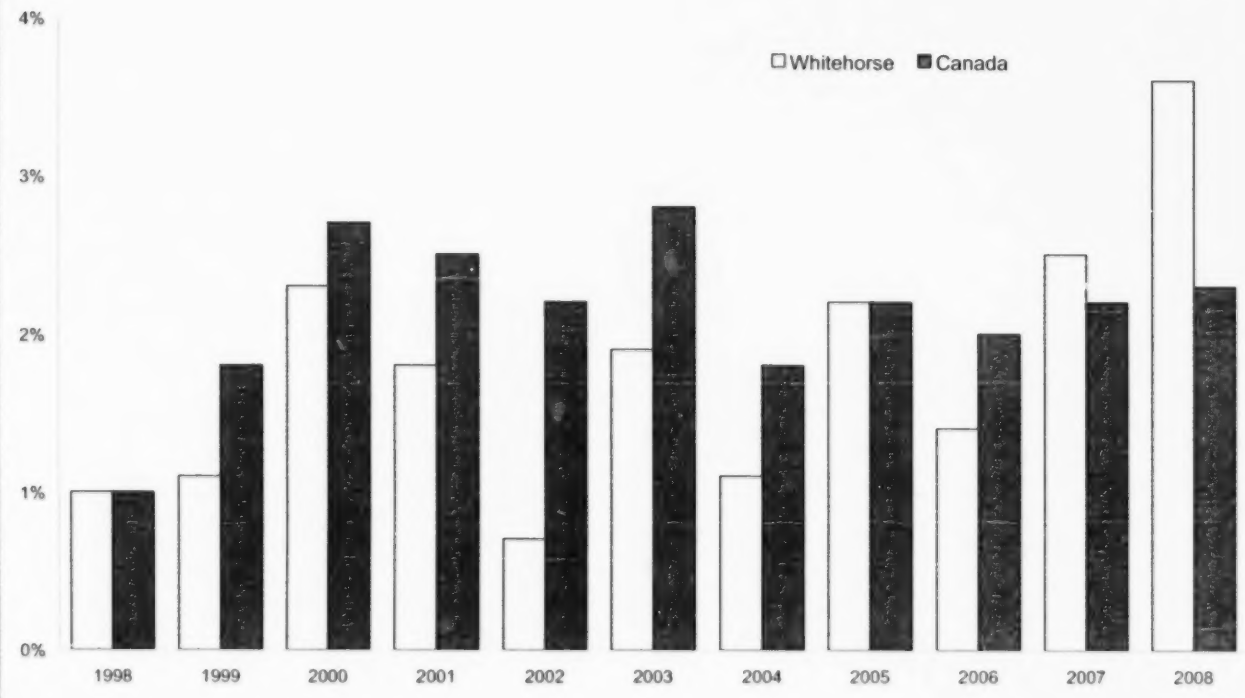


Each bar represents a month of the year, with the first letter of the month's name listed below the bar.

2 Consumer Price Index History - Annual Averages

Whitehorse (2002 = 100)			Canada (2002 = 100)		
Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year	Year	All-Items Index	% Change From Previous Year
2008	113.4	3.6	2008	114.1	2.3
2007	109.5	2.5	2007	111.5	2.2
2006	106.8	1.4	2006	109.1	2.0
2005	105.3	2.2	2005	107.0	2.2
2004	103.0	1.1	2004	104.7	1.8
2003	101.9	1.9	2003	102.8	2.8
2002	100.0	0.7	2002	100.0	2.2
2001	99.3	1.8	2001	97.8	2.5
2000	97.5	2.3	2000	95.4	2.7
1999	95.3	1.1	1999	92.9	1.8
1998	94.3	1.0	1998	91.3	1.0

3 The Annual Average Rate of Inflation in Whitehorse vs. Canada



4 Consumer Price Index — (All Items, 2002 = 100)

Index for Whitehorse 2006/'07

Month	2006	2007	% Change
Jan	106.4	107.0	0.6
Feb	105.9	107.3	1.3
Mar	105.9	108.0	2.0
Apr	106.9	108.7	1.7
May	107.5	109.5	1.9
Jun	107.9	109.7	1.7
Jul	107.5	110.7	3.0
Aug	107.7	110.5	2.6
Sep	107.2	110.8	3.4
Oct	106.3	110.4	3.9
Nov	106.3	110.7	4.1
Dec	106.3	110.6	4.0
Year Average	106.8	109.5	2.5

Index for Canada 2006/'07

Month	2006	2007	% Change
Jan	108.2	109.4	1.1
Feb	108.0	110.2	2.0
Mar	108.6	111.1	2.3
Apr	109.2	111.6	2.2
May	109.7	112.1	2.2
Jun	109.5	111.9	2.2
Jul	109.6	112.0	2.2
Aug	109.8	111.7	1.7
Sep	109.2	111.9	2.5
Oct	109.0	111.6	2.4
Nov	109.2	111.9	2.5
Dec	109.4	112.0	2.4
Year Average	109.1	111.5	2.2

Index for Whitehorse 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	107.0	110.4	3.2
Feb	107.3	110.1	2.6
Mar	108.0	111.0	2.8
Apr	108.7	111.8	2.9
May	109.5	113.6	3.7
Jun	109.7	114.6	4.5
Jul	110.7	115.3	4.2
Aug	110.5	115.4	4.4
Sep	110.8	114.8	3.6
Oct	110.4	114.9	4.1
Nov	110.7	114.6	3.5
Dec	**110.6**	**113.9**	**3.0**
Year Average	109.5	113.4	3.6

Index for Canada 2007/'08

Month	2007	2008	% Change
Jan	109.4	111.8	2.2
Feb	110.2	112.2	1.8
Mar	111.1	112.6	1.4
Apr	111.6	113.5	1.7
May	112.1	114.6	2.2
Jun	111.9	115.4	3.1
Jul	112.0	115.8	3.4
Aug	111.7	115.6	3.5
Sep	111.9	115.7	3.4
Oct	111.6	114.5	2.6
Nov	111.9	114.1	2.0
Dec	**112.0**	**113.3**	**1.2**
Year Average	111.5	114.1	2.3

5 Consumer Price Index for Whitehorse — December 2008

	Index			% Change	
	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007	Nov. '08 to Dec. '08	Dec. '07 to Dec. '08
All-Items	**113.9**	**114.6**	**110.6**	**-0.6**	**3.0**
Food	115.1	115.3	107.0	-0.2	7.6
Shelter	131.5	132.1	124.3	-0.5	5.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	102.9	101.1	100.5	1.8	2.4
Clothing & Footwear	98.9	101.0	99.9	-2.1	-1.0
Transportation	114.2	117.0	117.7	-2.4	-3.0
Health & Personal Care	108.8	109.5	106.0	-0.6	2.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	92.8	93.7	94.0	-1.0	-1.3
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	132.9	132.9	117.1	0.0	13.5
Special Aggregates					
Energy	134.0	149.6	147.8	-10.4	-9.3
All-Items excluding Energy	111.7	111.2	106.9	0.4	4.5

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada publication The Consumer Price Index, catalogue no. 62-001. The Index is used to determine price change (inflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current official time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 2002 = 100.

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